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To Whom It May Concern,

I do not agree that the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust trial is acceptable. It neither punishes them significantly for past actions nor does it inhibit their ability to commit similar offenses in the future.

Microsoft will continue to be able to abuse their current monopoly and will have no effective deterrent from doing so since the scale of their punishment is insignificant compared to the gain they have made on their actions. The smart business move on their part would be to repeat the kinds of actions in the future to maximize their profits. They can easily pay for the minor punishment out of the vast treasure chest that they can amass by continuing.

Respectfully,

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